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SWAT THE FLY.

It has not been many years since the fly was looked upon as a necessity—a kind of scavenger, but modern knowledge teaches us that the fly is not only not a necessity but one of the greatest evils with which we have to contend.

This common house fly is probably one of the greatest carriers of disease known, and it therefore becomes our duty to destroy this pest. It is not only our duty, but it is a responsibility that we owe to ourselves and those depending on us. We have no more right to let a fly carry disease, that in spite of our greatest efforts will result in the death of our children, than we have to permit an insane person to go at large and murder these same children.

I have said that the fly is not a necessity, but I use this term in double meaning. The fly is of no benefit to us. We do not need him and he is in that sense in no way a necessity. We not only do not need the fly, but it is not necessary for us to have the fly. We can get rid of him, and in this sense the fly is not a necessity.

For the last two months the newspapers of the country have been more or less full of urgent advice to "swat the fly." Many of our cities and some of the states are offering prizes for those who will deliver the largest number of dead flies to a designated committee. Thus a great many flies are being destroyed.

An army of children (for this fight is carried on largely by the children) are daily killing flies, but how much progress in the eradication of the fly are we making in this way? Are the flies actually being reduced in number by this campaign to any appreciable extent, and if not, is this fact not an indication that we are swatting the fly in the wrong place? In other words, given a family of five children and a large manure pile; start the children to work swatting flies; let them swat flies every hour of the day, and will the flies killed by them equal the number of flies hatched by that manure pile? Again, given a family of two children who are swatting flies to the best of their ability, and let this family maintain an open garbage can; will the effort of these children equal the number of flies hatched in this filthy can?

In short, are we not using the energy of our soldiers and

firing away the ammunition at the riffraff of our opposing army, while the brain workers of the other army are planting a mine under our army that will ultimately blow us up? Would we not make greater progress if we divided our effort against the fly, or I would say rather if we adults turned in and helped the children swat the fly?

It would not be very dignified for the Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court to carry on the street a piece of wire netting attached to a short stick with which he proceeded to swat the fly wherever he saw one. But would it not be a more proper move for this very dignified gentleman to see that his garbage can is properly covered, to see that his back yard is kept clean at all times, and that no place is permitted on his premises where a fly could find a suitable place to lay her eggs? (The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court is used as an impersonal illustration).

If we are going to fight the fly, let us fight it as we would fight an opposing army. Let us not only attempt to destroy the field forces, but let us destroy their storehouses, ammunition and source of supply.

The children know where flies come from. Those who are trying for prizes do not stay around clean homes to catch the fly, if they are sharp. As illustration: A boy and girl engaged in a fly fighting contest met after the day's work. The boy said, "How many flies have you gotten?" The girl said, "Oh, three or four hundred." The boy sneered. He had more thousands than she had hundreds. Upon inquiry as to where he had gotten them, his reply was, "I got them at the city dump."

In other words these cities were offering prizes to kill the very fly that they were hatching at their dump ground, and half the money offered for killing the fly would easily have done away with this hatchery. I sincerely trust that no one will take this statement, or any part of it, as indicating an opposition to swatting the fly. I am heartily in favor of every movement that is made to do away with the fly, but I would suggest that we divide the prizes that we propose to offer for killing the fly into two parts, the first to be given to the children, or adults, if they choose to contest, who deliver the largest number of flies destroyed in their homes, or around their homes; and that the second portion of this

prize money be given to the householder who shows the greatest effort at removing from his premises conditions that favor the hatching of flies.

Of course this latter move means inspection of places within the area covered by the contest before the contest is begun. And I would further suggest a booby prize for the one who failed to remove the fly hatcheries from his premises; that this booby prize consist of a ducking that would not result in injury to the individual, but might remind him that his neighbors did not appreciate his lack of cleanliness

THE SMALL TOWNS LEAD THE CITIES.

Columbia Falls, Montana, June 7, 1912.

Dr. T. D. Tuttle,

Helena, Montana.

Dear Doctor:

We made a vigorous campaign against "dirt" in the town. The people were all willing and entered into the spirit of the "Clean-up," so we cleaned all the alleys, streets and other places. We burned down some old foul places. Altogether a very effective cleaning was given to the town. I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JOHN T. ROBINSON.

The above letter is self explanatory. Columbia Falls is not the only small town in the State that has instituted a vigorous "clean-up" campaign. Miles City is the largest one of which we have been able to learn that, has instituted a similar campaign. Why do not the rest of our small towns follow suit? It is hardly necessary to suggest this to our large cities.

I suppose the people of one city that I have in mind at this time would not feel comfortable if they did not have the ammonical odor from manure piles on passing to and from their place of business; and many of them would feel lost if they failed to find their old land marks in the form of manure piles on passing over the town.

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T. W. Sadd	85 88	HAVRE.	Grade.
T. W. Sadd Minnie Boetcher J. W. Listle	98	N. E. Gourley	
GREAT FALLS.	Grade.	CUT BANK.	Grade.
Zingel & Schubert		Peter Debra	63
Joseph Bauer		SHELBY.	Grade.
J. B. Wilson	65 75	G. H. Davis	61
Henry Stephens (Conf) Arthur Dugdale	90	HINSDALE.	Grade.
The Bob Ton M. A. Carrier	91	Mrs. E. M. Lannon	87
A. H. Stevens (Bake Shop)	90 61		
Wm. Springer Emil Pfister	85	COLUMBIA FALLS.	Grade.
		Gustav Bischoff	84
CONRAD.	Grade.	WHITEFISH.	Grade.
S. E. Lewis	72	Ernest E. Zehn	80
	Grade.	POLSON.	Grade.
Frank Lell	82	Max Lovinger	80
	DAIR	PIES.	
GREAT FALLS.	Grade.	GLASGOW.	Grade.
H. B. McIver	. 93	John Reilly	69
D. Mitchell		J. J. Hagen John O'Neil	86 87
M. Ventz Martin Rystad		D. L. Gillispie	85
Wm. English	. 89	L. G. Lasater	. 85
H. B. Mitchell	. 95 . 92	MEDICINE LAKE.	Grade.
	. 95	Mrs. G. E. Bowman	. 95
Jessee Young	. 90	Theo. Thompson	. 81
D. W. Peck Frank Kocevar	. 88		Grade.
	Grade.	E. S. Bogart	. 70
G L Partridge	84	Mrs. Z. D. Heim	
G. L. Partridge	. 72	Mrs. J. R. Hartley	. 94
HAVRE.	Grade.	COLUMBIA FALLS.	
H. G. May		Geo. Mengon	. 96
Prophet Echelard	. 83	D. Haskell A. J. Hepp	. 83
John F. Bowsby	. 72	Desch Bros.	
J. C. Lynch	. 65	SOMERS.	Grade.
J. C. Lynch Mrs. Mary Herron John W. Clark	. 79	~	
John W. Clark	. 89	Geo. Kirk KALISPELL. E. L. Kelly J. C. Williams	Grade.
·	Grade.	E. L. Kelly	. 85
R. Chasse		Retty Schafer	9.0
Wm. O'Brien		J. A. Roe	. 92
	Grade.	Robt. Nortome	. 87
Mrs. Clyde Martin Sarah Hughes	. 70 . 63	POLSON Clara Heyer	Grade.

MILK ANALYSIS.

		Total			
Dealer.	Address.	Solids	Fat.	Remarks.	
John Rielly	Glasgow	12.36	3.75	Standard.	
John O'Neill	Glasgow	13.43	4.40	Standard.	
D. L. Gillispie J. J. Hagen	Glasgow	$\frac{12.94}{12.76}$	$\frac{4.00}{3.55}$	Standard. Standard.	
Neustatter & Schmidt	Butte	11.97	3.30	Standard.	
Michael Courtney .	Butte	12.65	3.70	Standard.	
George Penincelli	Meaderville—				21.2
Chas Thurston	(Butte)	$10.56 \\ 12.98$	$\frac{3.00}{4.45}$	Low in fat and Standard.	sonas.
V. Galletti	Butte	9.25	2.50	Low in fat and	solids.
Streff Brothers	Butte	11.77	3.50	Low in solids.	
Crescent Creamery .	Butte	10.80	3.85	Low in solids.	
Peter Arrigoni	Butte	10.93	$\frac{3.45}{4.80}$	Low in solids. Standard.	
Jas. L. Bompart D. A. McDonald	Helena	$13.86 \\ 13.30$	4.40	Standard.	
Unionville Dairy	Helena	12.25	3.70	Standard.	
L. A. Ramsey Kenwood Dairy	East Helena	13.23	4.30	Standard.	
Kenwood Dairy	Helena	17.84	8.20	Standard.	
Queen City Dairy . A. Erb	Helena	$12.81 \\ 13.00$	$8.81 \\ 4.05$	Standard. Standard.	
James McHugh	Helena	15.97	6.20	Standard.	
Mattfy Brothers	Culbertson	12.13	3.25	Standard,	
O. Tofeson	Culbertson	11.75	3.30	Standard.	
Evans Hotel W. H. Boid	Culbertson	$10.80 \\ 11.97$	$\frac{1.60}{2.95}$	Low in fat. Low in fat.	
W. H. Boid	Culbertson	$\frac{11.37}{12.25}$	$\frac{2.95}{3.20}$	Low in fat.	
J. L. Partridge	Malta	12.12	3.20	Low in fat.	
H. Caselberg Max Sklower	Malta	11.44	3.20	Low in fat and	solids.
Max Sklower	Malta	12.16	3.50	Standard.	
Yong Wong Co Mrs. Mary Jones	Malta	$\frac{11.37}{11.82}$	$\frac{2.80}{2.55}$	Low in fat. Low in fat.	
Boston Cafe	Havre	11.41	$\frac{2.50}{2.50}$	Low in fat.	
City Dairy	Havre		3.50	Standard.	
Spring Hill Dairy . Rocky Ridge Dairy .	Havre		$\frac{3.85}{3.85}$	Standard. Standard.	
Washington Cafe	Havre	12.31	3.25	Standard.	
Boston Cafe	Havre	13.10	3.95	Standard.	
Great Northern					
Lunch Room Armex Cafe	Havre	10.01	$\frac{0.70}{4.00}$	Low in fat. Standard.	
Wm. O'Brien	Havre Cut Bank	13.15	3.65	Standard.	
R. Chasse	Cut Bank	13.42	4.50	Standard.	
Elsie Hall	Cut Bank	11.77	2.60	Low in fat.	
Great Northern	Cut Popls	11 65	2.30	Town in for	
Hotel Northwestern Hotel .	Cut Bank Shelby	$11.65 \\ 13.22$	$\frac{2.50}{3.75}$	Low in fat. Standard.	
Tory Hotel	Shelby	11.43	1.90	Low in fat.	
Sullivan Hotel	Shelby	13.65	4.00	Standard.	
H. D. Martin James Butterfly	Shelby	12.20	2.55	Low in fat.	
John Verlanic	Shelby	$13.62 \\ 12.77$	$\frac{4.25}{3.80}$	Standard. Standard.	
Wm. McMonigle	Anaconda	13.45	4.40	Standard.	
Valentine Galle	Anaconda	12.81	4.00	Standard.	
Pete Lazetich	Anaconda	12.26	4.00	Low in solids.	anlida
Tom Budnich G. W. Orme	Anaconda	$10.68 \\ 12.56$	$\frac{2.40}{4.10}$	Low in fat and Standard.	sonas.
Boone & Manlove .	Anaconda	12.38	3.60	Standard.	
Willow Glen					
L. R. Blaine	Anaconda	$12.21 \\ 13.10$	$\frac{3.70}{4.10}$	Standard.	
L. Is. Diame	Anaconda	10.10	1.10	Duniuaru.	

CREAM ANALYSIS.

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Dealer.	Address.	Solids	Fat.	Remarks.
James L. Bompart .	-Helena	29.19	24.20	Standard.
D. A. McDonald	Helena	37.28	32.50	Standard.
Unionville Dairy	Helena	29.00	23.50	Standard.
D. A. Ramsey	East Helena	. 27.68	21.50	Standard.
Kenwood Dairy	Helena	31.04	25.00	Standard.
Willow Farm Dairy	East Helena	. 29.88	22.70	Standard.
Queen City Dairy	Helena	26.26	30.50	Standard.
A. Erb	Helena	30.48	24.20	Standard.
James McHugh	Helena	37.73	32.50	Standard.
John O'Neill	Glasgow		27.60	Standard.
J. J. Hagen	Glasgow Medicine Lake		28.75	Standard.
Severt Olson			32.80	Standard.
T. E. Bowman	Medicine Lake		39.00	Standard.
Evans Hotel	Culbertson	45.73	40.00	Standrad.
City Dairy	Havre		21.00	Standard.
Grill Cafe	Havre		16.7	Low in fat.
Wm. O'Brien	Cut Bank		31.25	Standard.
R. Chassee	Cut Bank		20.5	Standard.
J. L. Partridge	Malta		25.20	Standard.
Streff Brothers	Butte		18.50	Low in fat.
Crescent Creamery .	Butte		17.50	Low in fat.
Neustatter & Schmidt	Butte		19.00	Low in fat.
J. J. Harper	Anaconda	27.56	22.90	Standard.
MacCullum & Clouter				~
Merc. Co	Anaconda	33.06	25.50	Standard.
John Eliason	Anaconda—			
	(Race Track			
	P. O.)		30.50	Standard.
C. S. Sunderland	Anaconda		32.50	Standard.
Pete Lazetich	Anaconda		27.00	Standard.
T. W. Orme	Anaconda		31.50	Standard.
Boone & Manlove	Anaconda	36.56	31.50	Standard.
Willow Glen			0.4 = 0	~
Stock Farm	Anaconda		24.50	Standard.
A. E. Bryson	Anaconda	36.51	31.00	Standard.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1912.

SMALLPOX—Cases of Smallpox were reported as follows: Great Falls, 1; Fergus, 2:; Meagher, 11; Musselshell, 1; Silver Bow (Excl. of Butte), 1; Butte, 6; Valley, 2; total, 24; total last month, 30; total last year, 32.

DIPHTHERIA—Cases of Dihtheria were reported as follows: Carbon, 2; Custer, 1; Anaconda, 1; Livingston, 1; Silver Bow, 1; Sweet Grass, 1; total, 7; total last month, 8; total last year, 24.

SCARLET FEVER—Cases of Scarlet Fever were reported as follows: Beaverhead, I; Broadwater, 2; Carbon, 4; Cascade, 4; Custer, I; Fergus, I; Gallatin (Exclusive of Bozeman), I; Bozeman, I; Missoula (Exclusive of Missoula City). 3; Missoula City, 5; Musselshell, I; Livingston, I; Powell, I; Silver Bow (Excl. of Butte), 5; Butte, 9; Billings, I; total, 4I; total last month, 58; total last year, 46.

TYPHOID FEVER—Cases of Typhoid Fever were reported as follows: Blaine, 1; Great Falls, 1; Dawson, 1; Flathead (Exclusive of Kalispell), 1; Kalispell, 2; Lincoln, 1; Musselshell, 1; Billings, 2; total, 10: total last month, 8; total last year, 17.

MEASLES—Cases of Measles were reported as follows: Great Falls, 1; Custer, 1; Dawson, 1; Anaconda, 2:; Fergus, 1; Meagher, 2; Yellowstone (Exclusive of Billings), 2; Billings, 1; total, 11; total last month, 58; total last year, 275.

DEATHS (EXCLUSIVE OF STILLBIRTHS) REPORTED TO THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1912, ARRANGED ACCORDING TO THE COUNTIES AND CITIES.

	Spotted Fever	Small Pox	Tuberculosis	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Measles	Typhoid Fever	Meningitis	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia	Nephritis	Organic Heart Disease	Malignant Tumors	Acute Intestinal Diseases	Violence 🦠	Suicide	Alcoholism	All Other Causes	Totals
Beaverhead Broadwater Carbon Cascade (Excl. of) Great Falls Chouteau Custer Dawson Deer Lodge (Excl. of) Anaconda Fergus Flathead (Excl. of) Kallispell Gallatin (Excl. of) Bozeman Granite Jefferson Lewis and Clark (Excl. of) Helena Lincoln Madison Meagher Missoula (Excl. of) Musselshell Park (Excl. of) Livingston Powell Ravalli Rosebud Sanders Silver Bow (Excl. of) Butte Sweet Grass Teton Valley Yellowstone (Excl. of) Billings Blaline Hill								1		1 2 1 1	1 1 2 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	$\begin{bmatrix} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 3 & 24 & 44 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 &$		1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	1	i		2	5 5 1 1 1 2 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3 3

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BIRTHS REPORTED TO THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH FOR THE MONTH OF MAY, 1912, AND COMPARATIVE BIRTH AND DEATH RECORD IN THE STATE.

	Males	Females	Totals .	Deaths	Excess of births	Excess of deaths
Beaverhead Broadwater Carbon Cascade (Excl. of) Great Falls Chouteau Custer Dawson Deer Lodge (Excl. of) Anaconda Fergus Flathead (Excl. of) Kalispell Gallatin (Excl. of) Bozeman Granite Jefferson Lewis and Clark (Excl. of) Helena Lincoln Madison Meagher Missoula (Excl. of) Missoula (Excl. of) Missoula (Excl. of) Bozeman Meagher Missoula (Excl. of) Missoula (Excl. of) Missoula City Musselshell Park (Excl. of) Livingston Powell Ravalli Rosebud Sanders Silver Bow (Excl. of) Butte Sweet Grass Teton Valley Yellowstone (Excl. of) Billings Blaine Hill TOTAL	4 3 19 8 24 3 14 10 2 15 15 10 4 7 7 5 3 3 3 1 17 8 5 5 19 9 10 2 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10	2 1 26 7 26 4 7 19 14 13 10 6 9 5 5 1 3 3 4 9 6 6 4 5 6 6 13 3 3 7 2 6 6 20 13 6 6 5 11	6 4 45 15 50 7 27 29 28 20 10 16 10 4 4 21 3 19 8 9 28 15 4 13 8 23 5 4 21 75 4 11 39 20 16 8 16 6 676	5 2 9 8 11 3 77 11 8 5 5 5 5 9 2 1 1 6 6 6 19 3 6 2 6 15 10 6 6 3 9 7 7 3 1 23 5 1	1 2 36 7 39 4 14 222 21 23 15 5 7 8 3 2 13 6 6 3 13 15 10 16 2 2 3 12 15 6 6 6 365	9